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MIDEAST - SECOND LEAD TANKER (NO PICKUP RNR54)

TEL AVIV, OCT. 26, REUTER - ISRAEL SAID AN OIL TANKER
FLYING THE LIBERIAN FLAG WAS DAMAGED TODAY WHEN IT STRUCK
A MINE LAID BY EGYPTIANS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE GULF OF SUEZ.

EARLIER, ISRAEL ACCUSED EGYPT OF ATTACKING AND DAMAGING
THE TANKER AND SAID IN A COMMUNIQUE THAT IT HAD BEEN "BADLY HIT"
BUT WAS STILL AFLOAT.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID TWO CREW MEMBERS WERE EVACUATED BY
HELICOPTER AFTER BEING SLIGHTLY INJURED IN AN EXPLOSION.

THE COMMUNIQUE NAMED THE SHIP AS THE SIRIS. LLOYDS
REGISTER OF SHIPS LISTS A SYRIS OF 2,

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REGISTER OF SHIPS LISTS A SYRIS OF 29,592 TONS, REGISTERED
IN MONROVIA, LIBERIA. LLOYDS SAID THE TANKER HAD A CREW
OF 58.

(NO PICKUP)

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